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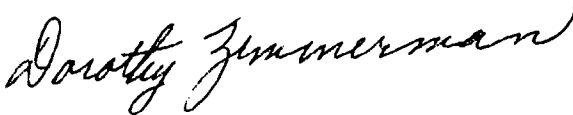
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This letter is to show my support for the settlement that was reached between the Microsoft Corporation and the Justice Department. I see no reason to drag the antitrust issue out any longer than it already has been. The sooner that this settlement gets implemented, the better.

The settlement was agreed to after extensive negotiations with a court-appointed mediator. Microsoft has agreed to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit. This was done for the sake of ending the litigation so that Microsoft could get back to producing innovative products. However, they might not be completely Microsoft's innovations anymore. The settlement requires them to turn over to their competitors data and code that are internal to the Windows operating system.

It is not fair to make a company give up their intellectual property. I support the settlement, but only because it ends the suit.

Sincerely,



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